

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 100

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A RESOLUTION urging individuals with mental health conditions to participate in the Tennessee Yellow DOT program.

WHEREAS, in 2012, the General Assembly established the Tennessee Yellow DOT Program by enactment of chapter 804 of the 2012 Public Acts; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Yellow DOT program is to assist drivers and passengers who voluntarily participate in the program and emergency medical responders in reporting critical medical information in the event of a motor vehicle accident or a medical emergency involving a participant's vehicle; and

WHEREAS, this critical medical information can mean the difference between life and death in the "golden hour" immediately following a serious accident; and

WHEREAS, medical responders can make the best decision regarding emergency treatment when they know a crash victim's medical information, especially any mental health conditions that may impede communications with the responder; and

WHEREAS, this medical information can be used to communicate with the participant's emergency contacts about the location and general condition of the participant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby urges Tennessee citizens who have mental health conditions to participate in the Yellow DOT program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this General Assembly urges the Department of Transportation to take all reasonable measures to publicize and bring awareness about the Yellow DOT program to potential participants who have mental health conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.